

# Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention Meeting Minutes December 19, 2012

## **Meeting Call to Order:**

President Derek Bastinck called to order the meeting of the Fair Lawn Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (FLASAP) on December 19, 2012, at 8:08 pm. The meeting was held in Room 201 of the Fair Lawn Municipal Bldg., 8-01 Fair Lawn Ave, Fair Lawn, NJ.

## **Attendance & Introduction of Community Members:**

A sign in sheet was circulated. Present were: President Derek Bastinck, Cindy Martinez, Treasurer Chuck Logan, Lorraine Fleming, Claude Bienstock, and Carol Wagner, Council Liaison Kurt Peluso and Police Officer Michael O'Brien. Also attending were: FLHS teacher, Teresa Mielnicki, and 4 FLHS students Shiva Weiss, Brooke Rothman, Lauren Rose, Patricia Mroczkowska.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

C. Logan made a motion to accept the Nov. 28, 2012, meeting minutes and it was seconded by C. Bienstock. All present were in favor.

## **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer, C. Logan reported that the checking account has \$42,004.16.

**Correspondence:** None to report.

## **Activity Reports:**

**Grant Coordinators Report:** C. Wagner presented and provided copies of the FLASAP grant activity report on the YTD expenditures and provided a status report of remaining grant funding left in each grant activity and suggested way to utilize the funding for each activity approvals by FLASAP members under New Business. Funds remaining include: Big Brother /Big Sister Mentoring Program \$1700, Explorers \$1800, TASE \$350. Parents who Host, Lose the Most \$278, Community Activities \$1638, and Project Graduation \$251.

## **Old Business:**

**Explorers Update:** Police Officer M. O'Brien mentioned that he worked with the Explorers group since year 2004. He reported that the number of Explorers fluctuates from 15 to 23 teens, ages 14 to 21 years of age and who meet 2 times per month. He mentioned that The Explorer, attained awards and the Director's Award within the past several years. To be an Explorer, a student has to have no negative interaction in school. The November camp trip was cancelled due to Super Storm Sandy recovery efforts and postponed until March 2013. The camping trip to Washington D. C. will include a candle light vigil and ATOD prevention programming.

**Big Brother/Big Sister Mentoring Activity:** FLHS teacher, T. Mielnicki, provided \$1700 worth of receipts for supplies purchased for the Big Brother, Big Sister Activity. The Students explained some of the activities. C. Wagner explained to the student reps that we need reports on how many students and participants attended each program. The students did know that 40 to 50 participate in Arts & Crafts on every Sunday morning.

**Overview of FLHS “Teen Suicide” Prevention Program:** Topic was postponed in absence of J. Marcella.

**Fundraising:**

**Entertainment Book Fundraiser:** C. Wagner informed the FLASAP members that 5 Entertainment books were sold. 25 books were returned to the Entertainment Book Co. Since FLASAP paid the Entertainment Book Co. \$96 for the books sold, FLASAP is due a credit, plus, we have one free book in reserve for sale through the Holiday season. If the book is not sold, coupons from the book can be shared amongst FLASAP members. It was suggested and approved by consensus to allow The Health and Human Service Dept staff to share the coupons since they assisted in the sale of the books and made up advertisement posters and posted them at various borough buildings

**New Business:**

**Funding for Street Fair for C. Sprague & A. Goldschlag:** C. Wagner reported that the November meeting agenda was corrected to reflect what was discussed and approved by the FLASAP members which was: approval of funding for C Sprague and A. Goldschlag for street fair activities and supplies for the Street Fair Activity. **Note:** The funding was not approved for Strengthening Families Activity which occurs in the schools as listed on the November meeting agenda.

**Appointment of New Trustee:** In light of FLASAP needing additional Board of Trustees and that Police Officer Michael O’Brien is interested and will commit to working with FLASAP, C. Martinez made a motion to appoint P. O. M. O’Brien as a FLASAP Board of Trustee. C. Wagner seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. None opposed.

**Discussion on Activity Program Planning and Funding:** C. Wagner informed the FLASAP members that the Fair Lawn ADA (American with Disabilities Act) Committee is sponsoring a dance for persons with disabilities at which seniors from FLHS assist. The ADA Committee has requested support for the food and decorations. The purpose of the dance is to keep persons with disabilities connected to their community so they do not become isolated and resort to drugs and alcohol. D. Bastinck made a motion to reimburse the ADA Committee up to \$500 for food and supplies. The motion was seconded by C. Martinez. All present at the meeting were in favor. None opposed.

**Scheduling of Planning Session and Needs Assessment Questionnaire:** C. Wagner informed FLASAP member that Alliances need to complete a Needs Assessment every few years and it is anticipated to be needed in year 2013. The suggested date to discuss the Needs Assessment Questionnaire is Jan. 23, 2013. More info will follow.

**Taste of Fair Lawn Participation:** C. Wagner asked the FLASAP members if they wanted to participate in the Taste of Fair Lawn event on Jan. 28, 2013 and provide an educational awareness for adults on teen access to prescription meds and how to prevent access and if they wanted to fund the community event up to \$300. C. Bienstock made the motion to participate and expend up to \$300. D. Bastinck seconded the motion. All members present were in favor. None opposed.

**TASE Program:** C. Wagner reported that the Alliance grant has \$350 in approved funding for The Tobacco Age of Sale Enforcement Program. Any tobacco retail store that sells tobacco to a youth under 19 years of age will receive a warning notice to comply with the law, next offense will be summons to the Municipal Court. C. Wagner recommended that a gift certificate or other

compensation be given to the teens assisting in the activity and recommended that the remaining funding be used to reimburse the Borough funds for the inspector's time. D. Bastinck made a motion to give each teen \$50 gift certificate for their time and to use the remaining funds of \$250 to reimburse the Borough for the inspector's time. C. Martinez and K. Peluso seconded the motion. All FLASAP members present were in favor. None opposed.

**1<sup>st</sup> Day Run community Activity Brochures:** C. Wagner reported that the FLASAP grant Community Activities program has \$1638 left and that 500 copies of the educational brochure for the 1<sup>st</sup> Day Run will be \$230. D. Bastinck made a motion to expend \$230 for 500 copies and it was seconded by C. Martinez. All FLASAP members present were in favor provided that FLASAP/GCADA name was included on the brochure. None Opposed.

**Good Samaritan Bill:** Council person, K. Peluso, explained and requested support from FLASAP on the Good Samaritan Bill A-578 in the New Jersey Legislature. The bill in intended to save a life and would provide immunity from prosecution to persons who are with persons under the influence of alcohol and drugs and call into Police for emergency services when the person is in physical distress. The FLASAP members were in agreement by consensus to send letters of support to the M&C and GCADA. **Note:** A follow up online search immediately after the close of the meeting revealed that the Good Samaritan bill has already been vetoed by the Governor.

**Next Meeting 2012:**

The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2013, at 7:30 PM in Room 201 of the Municipal Building

**Meeting Adjournment:**

As there was no further business, a motion was made by C. Martinez and seconded by D. Bastinck to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47PM. All were in favor.